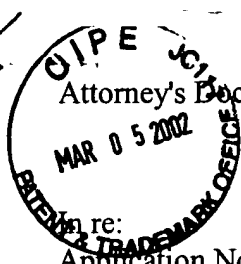


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Hering et al. Confirmation No.: 9094  
Application No.: 09/934,177 Group No.: 1725  
Filed: August 21, 2001  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR JOINING PIECES OF  
THERMOPLASTIC MATERIAL TO FORM CELLULAR BLOCKS

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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

1. This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of three (3) months to respond to the Office Action dated September 24, 2001.
2. Applicant is ☐ a small entity; ☒ other than a small entity.
3. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(a)(5)):

	Total Months Requested	Fee For Other Than Small Entity	Fee for Small Entity
<input type="checkbox"/>	one month	\$110.00	\$55.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	two months	\$400.00	\$200.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	three months	\$920.00	\$460.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	four months	\$1,440.00	\$720.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	five months*	\$1,960.00	\$980.00

\*Cannot be used to exceed six-month statutory

limit for response to an Official Action. Fee Enclosed \$460.00

- ☒ Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for any additional  
extension and/or fee required or credit for any excess fee paid.

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